

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2004. Claims 1-36 are in this application. Claims 1-36 were rejected. The examiner objected to claims 7, 20 and 33. The applicant wishes to extend thanks to the examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter. The claims and the drawings have been amended pursuant to the examiner's suggestions as described in detail in the following remarks.

Objections to the Drawings

Replacement sheets of drawings have been included in this response. In Figure 7 the reference character "W₆" has been amended to be "W_b". In Figure 8, the lead line from "P4" has been moved to properly denote the front face of the insert and S1 has been added to denote one of the sides of "P2" pursuant to paragraph 0042 on page 10 of the application. In addition, the character "P1" in Figure 8 has been replaced by "38" pursuant to the specification on page 10, lines 11-13 of the application. In figures 12 and 13, the reference characters L1, L2, L3 and L4 have been added to properly define the edges of "P5" pursuant to paragraph 0048 on pages 12-13. Figure 13 has also been amended to denote the location of edges R1, R2, R3 and R4 pursuant to paragraph 0049 on page 13. The reference character "80" has been deleted from Figure 15 since it is not mentioned in the application.

The Specification

The examiner suggested that the reference character "80" be added to the specification since "80" was depicted in Figure 15. Figure 15 has been amended to delete the reference character "80" rendering the matter moot.

Paragraph 0037 has been amended to delete the words "lower case". Paragraphs 0040, 0041, 0042, 0043, 0046, 0047, 0048 and 0049 have been amended to replace the small case reference characters with large case reference characters to match the reference characters that are depicted in the drawings.

Paragraph 0042 on page 10, line 15 has been amended to change "l4" to "L2" to properly specify that the edge 42 formed by the intersection of side S3 with side L2 of the lower face P5 can be chamfered.

New matter has not been added to this application by these amendments. Support for these amendments can be found in the application and the drawings as originally filed.

Claim Objections

Claims 7, 20 and 33 were objected to because the word “a” was omitted in front of the word “narrower”. Claims 7, 20 and 33 have been amended to insert the word “a” before the word “narrower”.

35 USC §112 Rejections

Claims 1-36 were rejected under were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1, 14, and 27 have been amended to delete the word “small”.

Claims 1, 14, and 27 have been amended to delete the words “easily”.

Claims 1, 7, 14, 20, 27 and 33 have been amended to delete the word “minimal”.

Claims 11 and 27 have been amended to delete the word “smaller”.

Claims 6, 19 and 32 have been amended to delete the word “ramp-like”.

Claims 11 and 24 have been amended to delete the words “desired distance”.

Claims 12 and 25 have been amended to delete the words “can be”.

Applicants assert that the claims as currently amended now particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-36 under 35 USC §112, as indefinite, be withdrawn and that claims 1-36 be allowed.

In view of the above amendments and comments, it is believed that claims 1-36 are patentable over the art of record. Thus, applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating claims 1-36 are allowed. If any issue remains that could reasonably be resolved on the telephone, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

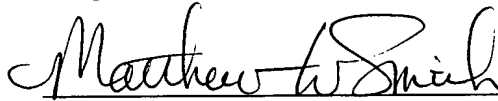
Extension of Time

Appl. No. 10/666,270
Amdt. dated April 29, 2005
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Applicants hereby Petition for an extension of time of three months from the Office Action date of November 3, 2004, until May 4, 2005. Please charge the petition fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 502832.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees; including additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, in connection with this submission, to Kennametal Inc.-AMSG corporate Deposit Account No. 502832.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Matthew W. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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